3. Protocol on Road Signs and Signals

Geneva, 19 September 1949

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 20 December 1953, in accordance with article 58.

REGISTRATION: 20 December 1953, No. 1671.


Note: The Convention was prepared and opened for signature by the United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Transport held at Geneva from 23 August to 19 September 1949. It was convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations pursuant to resolution 147 B (VII) of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, adopted on 28 August 1948. The Conference also prepared and opened for signature the Protocol concerning countries or territories at present occupied and the Protocol on Road Signs and Signals and reached certain other decisions which are recorded in the Final Act of the Conference. For the text of the said Final Act, see United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 125, p. 3.

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Declarations and Reservations
(Unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made
upon ratification, accession or succession.)

AUSTRIA
Subject to the reservation in respect of paragraph 1 of
article 45 contained in paragraph 7 (f) of the Final Act of
the Conference on Road and Motor Transport.

BULGARIA
"With reference to article 15, paragraph 5 of this
Protocol, the Government of Finland reserve the right to
use the Saint Andrew's Cross at level-crossings with
gates."

FINLAND
"The Hungarian People's Republic does not consider
itself bound by the provision of paragraph 5, article 15 of
the Protocol which stipulates that level-crossings with
gates shall not be pro- vided with a sign in the form of a
Saint Andrew's cross."

HUNGARY
"The Hungarian People's Republic does not consider
itself bound by the provisions of article 62, under which
any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of
the Protocol may be referred to the International Court of
Justice for decision by application from any of the States
concerned. The position of the Romanian People's
Republic is that the agreement of all the parties in dispute
is required in each case for the submission of any dispute
to the International Court of Justice for decision.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION
The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics does not consider itself bound by the provisions
of article 62 of the Protocol on Road Signs and Signals,
which lays down that disputes between Contracting States
concerning the interpretation or application of this
Protocol may be referred to the International Court of
Justice for decision by application from any of the States
concerned, and declares that the agreement of all the
States in dispute is required in each separate case for the
submission of any dispute to the International Court of
Justice for decision.

SWEDEN
Subject to the reservation in respect of paragraph 5 of
article 15 contained in paragraph 7 (e) of the Final Act of
the Conference on Road and Motor Transport.

Territorial Application

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Notes:
1 Registration: 22 October 1964, No. 1671. The proposal for
these amendments was communicated to the Secretary-General
by the Gov- ernment of France on 3 February 1964 pursuant to
paragraph 1 of article 60 of the Protocol. In accordance with
paragraph 5 of the same article, they entered into force on 22
October 1964 as regards all the Contracting Parties, with the
exception that the Government of Portugal, having notified the
Secretary-General of its objection to the amendment adding new
paragraph 3 bis to article 35, is not bound by that amendment.
For the text of the Protocol incorporating the said amendments,
see United Nations Conference on Road and Motor Transport,
Final Act and Related Documents (United Nations publication,
Sales No.: 1967.VIII.1).

2 Resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council,
during its seventh session (E/1065), p. 8.

3 Czechoslovakia had signed and ratified the Protocol on 28
December 1949 and 3 November 1950, respectively. See also
note 1 under “Czech Republic” and note 1 under “Slovakia” in
the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this
volume.

4 See note 1 under "Montenegro" in the "Historical
Information" section in the front matter of this volume.

5 See note 1 under “Netherlands” regarding
“Aruba/Netherlands Antilles” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

6 The former Yugoslavia had signed and ratified the Protocol on 19 September 1949 and 8 October 1956, respectively. See also note 1 under “Bosnia and Herzegovina”, “Croatia”, “former Yugoslavia”, “Slovenia”, “The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” and “Yugoslavia” in the “Historical Information” section in the front matter of this volume.

7 The said reservation reads as follows:

"That the signs for the special identification of routes in Austria may be either rectangular or circular in shape."

8 In a notification received on 6 May 1994, the Government of Bulgaria notified the Secretary-General that it had decided to withdraw the reservation made upon accession with respect to article 62. For the text of the reservation, see United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 453, p. 354.

9 In a communication received on 8 December 1989, the Government of Hungary notified the Secretary-General that it had decided to withdraw the reservation with respect to article 62 of the Protocol made upon accession. For the text of the reservation see United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 434, p. 290.

10 The said reservation reads as follows:

"That the use of the Saint Andrew's Cross at level-crossings with gates shall be permitted in Sweden and Norway."

11 The Government of Greece has informed the Secretary-General that it does not consider itself bound by the provisions to which the reservation is made, as far as the Soviet Union is concerned.